

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00831-TSC

FREEDOM WATCH, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/11/2018
Date Terminated: 12/17/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/11/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5417339) filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Klayman, Larry) (Attachment 2 replaced on 4/12/2018) (zsth). (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/11/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsth) (Entered: 04/12/2018)
04/12/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE and U.S. Attorney. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 04/12/2018)
07/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE: Plaintiff filed this action on 04/11/2018 and the Clerk of the Court issued summonses on 04/12/2018. It appears from the record that Plaintiff, has yet to effectuate service on the Defendants. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff SHOW CAUSE, in writing, on or before 7/25/18, why this action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute. Should Plaintiff fail to effectuate service or satisfactorily respond to the present order by 7/25/18, the court

		may dismiss this action without further notice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/18/18. (DJS) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response to Show Cause due by 7/25/2018. (tb) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>3</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT <i>Response to the Court's Minute Order of July 18, 2018</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. re Order to Show Cause,, (Klayman, Larry) Modified event title on 8/7/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 07/23/2018)
08/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER: By 8/31/18 Plaintiff shall file a notice updating the court on Plaintiff's efforts to effectuate service. Failure to file a timely response may result in dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/22/18. (DJS) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
08/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Notice to Court regarding the effectuation of service due by 8/31/2018. (tb) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>4</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order, filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/19/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/19/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>7</u>	RESPONSE re <u>6</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by October 12, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/6/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/06/2018)
10/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/12/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
10/12/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits)(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>9</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Plaintiff's response due November 9, 2018. Going forward the parties shall file proposed orders that include the dates for all proposed extended deadlines. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/26/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response due by 11/9/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>10</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Stay by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (See docket entry no. <u>10</u> to view.) (ztd) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>12</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION to Stay filed by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: A Motions Hearing is hereby set for December 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., in Courtroom 9. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/29/2018. (lctsc1) (Entered: 11/29/2018)

12/03/2018	<u>14</u>	Consent MOTION for Leave to Appear Telephonically <i>at the Scheduled Hearing of December 14, 2018</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>14</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Telephonically. Plaintiff's counsel may appear telephonically for the December 14, 2018 motions hearing. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact Courtroom Deputy Tim Bradley for call-in instructions. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/3/18. (DJS) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/14/2018		Minute Entry: Motion Hearing held on 12/14/2018 before Judge Tanya S. Chutkan re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION and <u>11</u> MOTION to Stay filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. The Court orally ruled that the motion to stay is DENIED and the motion to dismiss is GRANTED. With respect to the motion to dismiss, because Plaintiff failed to file timely appeals following Defendants' denials of the following requests, any claims regarding them are dismissed with prejudice: (1) the request to the Office of Information Policy relating to former FBI Director McCabe, (2) all requests to the Criminal Division, and (3) the request to the FBI relating to former FBI Director McCabe. The remaining claims are dismissed without prejudice for failure to constructively exhaust administrative remedies before filing suit. (Court Reporter Bryan Wayne) (tb) Modified on 12/17/2018 (tb). (Entered: 12/17/2018)